THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has re-imposed countervailing duty (CVD) on import of TMT bars and structurals *w.e.f.* 2.1.2009.

(b) CVD on import of TMT bars and structurals was withdrawn as one of the measures' to control inflation and contain the rising steel prices. The production of various categories of steel, including TMT bars and structurals by the steel producers, is determined by the demand of that particular category in the market.

(c) In view of slowdown in steel sector, Steel Authority of India Limited along with other steel producers has approached the Government for taking suitable measures to stimulate demand of steel in the country and provide relief to the domestic steel industry which has been badly affected due to severe downturn in the global economy leading to a situation of excess availability of steel in the market and slow off take from consuming sectors.

(d) and (e) The Government is closely monitoring the situation and is in continuous dialogue with the steel industry. The following measures have already been taken by the Government in view of the current downturn:

(i) Export Duty on all steel items (except melting scrap) withdrawn *w.e.f.* 31.10.2008.

(ii) DEPB on steel items restored *w.e.f.* 14.11.2008.

(iii) Import Duty on iron and non-alloy steel items re-imposed at 5%, w.e.f. 18.11.2008.

(iv) 'Hot Rolled Coil' brought into restricted category of import w.e.f. 21.11.08

(v) CENVAT on steel items reduced from 14% to 10% *w.e.f.* 7.12.2008.

(vi) Countervailing duty (CVD) on TMT bars and structurals reintroduced *w.e.f.* 2.1.2009.

Future trade in steel

101. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of iron-ore reserves in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of iron-ore reserves under the control of Government and the private sector, State-wise;

(c) whether it is not a fact that small and medium iron-ore manufacturers are facing problems in view of futures trade in steel; and

(d) if so, how Government is planning to address the concerns of small and medium iron-ore manufactures in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) The details of iron ore reserves in the country, State-wise are given below:

(As on 1.4.2005)

Mineral	Unit	State	Reserve
1	2	3	4
Iron Ore (Heamatite)	1000 Tonnes	Andhra Pradesh	39,596
		Chhattisgarh	760,512
		Goa	458,703

1	2	3	4
		Jharkhand	2,494,424
		Karnataka	940,429
		Madhya Pradesh	33,917
		Maharashtra	13,997
		Orissa	2,251,777
		Rajasthan	10,813
	TOTAL		7,004,168
Iron Ore (Magnetite)	1000 Tonnes	Goa	50,112
		Jharkhand	3,390
		Maharashtra	621
		Orissa	156
		Rajasthan	4,225
	TOTAL		58,503

(SOURCE: Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Ministry of Mines, Government of India)

(b) The details of iron ore reserves in public sector leasehold and private sector leasehold as on 1.4.2005 are given below:

(As on 1.4.2005)

Mineral	Unit	State Name	Owner	Reserves
1	2	3	4	5
Iron Ore (Heamatite)	1000 Tonnes	Chhattisgarh	Private	1,388
			Public	759,124
		Goa	Private	442,543
		Jharkhand	Private	214,151
			Public	2,280,272
		Karnataka	Private	706,031
			Public	228,631
		Madhya Pradesh	Private	31,764
		Maharashtra	Private	13,997
		Orissa	Private	523,958
			Public	1,327,819
		Rajasthan	Private	10,813
	Total			6,980,086
Iron Ore (Magnetite)	1000 Tonnes	Goa	Private	50,112
		Jharkhand	Private	908
			Public	2,483

1	2	3	4	5
		Maharashtra	Private	89
			Public	532
		Orissa	Private	156
		Rajasthan	Private	4,225
	TOTAL			58,504

(SOURCE: Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Ministry of Mines, Government of India)

(c) and (d) No such representation regarding problems being faced by the small and medium iron ore manufacturers in view of futures trade in steel has been received in Ministry of Steel.

Demand criris of steel due to economic recession

102. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether public and private sectors in steel are facing demand crisis due to economic recession in world;

(b) if so, the gap between demand and supply of steel during the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09;

(c) the target set by Government for production of steel during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) whether Government intends to augment the production capacity of existing steel plants as well as propose to set up new plants in the country particularly in Orissa;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Overall steel consumption in the country has recorded a decline since October 2008 of the current financial year, due to adverse effect of global economic crisis in the domestic steel market.

(b) The gap between demand (consumption) and supply (production for sale) of finished steel in the country during the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and April-December 2008-09 is given in the table below:-

Year	Total Finished Steel (unit: million tonnes)		
	Production for sale (Supply)	Consumption (Demand)	Gap
2006-07	52.53	46.78	5.75
2007-08	56.07	52.12	3.95
April-Dec. 2008-09*	42.08	37.84	14.24

SOURCE: Join Plant Committee, * = provisional